

THIRTEENTH

# **Annual Report of the Auditor**

OF THE

CITY OF LINCOLN

NEBRASKA



FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
AUGUST 31, 1916

Lincoln, Nebraska, September 1, 1916.

To the Honorable City Council,  
City of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit herewith the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Auditor of the City of Lincoln, being for the year ending August 31, 1916.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the plan adopted in the preparation of the reports for the last two years, and covers the fiscal year, as nearly as possible.

It includes a short statement of the operations of the different departments during the year, except the water and light departments, for which a separate report has been prepared.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. H. BERG,  
City Clerk and Auditor.



## **PART I—GENERAL INFORMATION**

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### **Elected Officials of the City**

Under the Commission Form of Government, which has been in operation in Lincoln since May 13, 1913, the city is divided into five departments, which have been assigned to the five councilmen elected as follows:

#### **Superintendent of Department of**

##### **Public Affairs:**

**CHARLES W. BRYAN, Mayor**

Is President of Council; has charge of the Legal Department; Unliquidated Claims; Rules, Privileges and Elections, City Hall and Sidewalks.

#### **Superintendent of Department of**

##### **Accounts and Finance:**

**GEORGE DAYTON**

Is Vice-President of Council; Ex-Officio City Treasurer; has charge of Accounts and Finances; Printing; Taxation and Licenses; and of the Offices of Tax Commissioner, City Clerk and Auditor.

#### **Superintendent of Department of Public Safety:**

**JOHN WRIGHT**

Has charge of Police Department; Fire Department; Health Department; City Scales and Sealer of Weights and Measures.

#### **Superintendent of Department of Streets and**

##### **Public Improvements:**

**THOMAS J. HENSLEY**

Has charge of Street Work; Public Improvements; Additions to City, Viaducts and City Engineer's Office.

#### **Superintendent of Department of Parks and**

##### **Public Property:**

**WM. SCHROEDER**

Has charge of Parks and Water and Light Department.

The above mentioned superintendents of departments constitute the City Council. Regular meetings of the Council are held at 2:00 o'clock P. M. on Monday of each week.

In addition to the above the Excise Board and Police Judge are elected. All other officials of the city are appointed by the Council.

### **THE EXCISE BOARD**

Will H. Love, Chairman, Nicholas Ress, Harry Porter.

Regular meetings of the Excise Board are held at 2:00 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday of each month.

### **POLICE JUDGE**

Bruce Fullerton



City Elections are held on the first Tuesday in May of each odd numbered year. The terms of office of councilmen are two years, beginning the first Monday following the election.

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**APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY**

**THEO. H. BERG**  
City Clerk and Auditor

**CLIFFORD BAKER**  
Deputy City Clerk

**EARL M. POOR**  
Accountant Clerk's Office

**MISS EDNA ROBINSON**  
Record Clerk

**A. W. EASTERDAY**  
Deputy City Treasurer

**A. W. STUTHEIT**  
Accountant Treasurer's Office

**ADNA DOBSON**  
City Engineer

**GEORGE BATES**  
Deputy City Engineer

**D. L. ERICKSON**  
Assistant City Engineer

**F. E. MELKER**  
Plumbing Inspector

**C. PETRUS PETERSON**  
City Attorney

**CHARLES R. WILKE**  
Deputy City Attorney

**W. T. OVERTON**  
Assistant Superintendent of Streets

**W. F. DAY**  
Building and Sidewalk Inspector



PAUL W. DOERR  
Assistant Supt. Water and Light Dept.

ANDREW JOHNSON  
Chief Engineer Water and Light Dept.

C. R. MAWE  
Tax Commissioner

P. EDINBOROUGH  
Assistant Superintendent of Parks

DR. CHAUNCEY F. CHAPMAN  
Superintendent of Health

DR. N. O. REYNOLDS  
Assistant Superintendent of Health

H. CLEMENT  
Chief of Fire Department

H. H. ANTLES  
Chief of Detectives

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### LINCOLN CITY LIBRARY

(Members Appointed by Council)

Nelson C. Brock.....	President
H. T. Dobbins.....	Vice-President
C. D. Hyatt.....	Secretary
Lulu Horne .....	Librarian

### Board of Directors

Term Expiring July 1, 1917

H. J. Lehnhoff	H. B. Lowrey	Mrs. Callen Thompson
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Term Expiring July 1, 1918

H. T. Dobbins	Lawrence Fossler	P. M. Orr
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Term Expiring July 1, 1919

Nelson C. Brock	William M. Morning	William B. Ryons
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## BOARD OF EXAMINING ENGINEERS

(Members Appointed by Council)

Fred W. Tyler, Chairman; John Henry, Secretary; John Green, Treasurer.

The Board meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 P. M. at the City Hall to examine applicants as to their qualifications to operate stationary steam engines and boilers within the city.

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## FACTS ABOUT LINCOLN

City originally incorporated on April 7, 1869.

Incorporated as a city of the Second Class on March 18, 1871.

Incorporated as a city of the First Class on March 25, 1887.

Altitude: 1,165 feet above sea level.

Area: 5,736.9 acres (8.96 square miles.)

Paved streets and alleys: 75 miles.

Parks: 125 acres.

Sanitary sewers: 95.46 miles.

Storm and combined sewers: 21.57 miles.

Water mains: 103.71 miles.

Street railways: 39 miles.

Public school buildings: 18.

Churches and denominational schools: 60.

Interurban car lines: 6.

Floating debt: None.

## Points of Interest

State University Farm

State Fair Grounds

State Capitol

State Penitentiary

State Hospital for Insane

Wyuka Cemetery

Lincoln Park

Capital Beach

Epworth Lake Park

Home of William J. Bryan

Hayward Military Academy

Cave South of City

State University Campus and Athletic field.



# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Officers in Service

Chief of detectives .....	1
Captains .....	2
Sergeants .....	2
Patrolmen .....	15
Patrol drivers .....	2
Matron .....	1
Total .....	23

Number of arrests made during year .....	3690
Males .....	3505
Females .....	185
	3690

	3690
Number of white people .....	3545
Number of colored people .....	145
	3690

	3690
Males—Can read and write .....	3447
Females—Can read and write .....	184
	3631

	3631
Males—Can not read or write .....	58
Females—Can not read or write .....	1
	59

	59	
		3690
Social Conditions—		
Married males .....	1138	
Married females .....	95	

	1233	
		1233
Single males .....	2367	
Single females .....	90	

	2457	
		2457
		3690



### Meals Furnished

1915—

September .....	2167
October .....	1888
November .....	1660
December .....	2300

1916—

January .....	1383
February .....	1862
March .....	1845
April .....	1995
May .....	2085
June .....	2082
July .....	1739
August .....	1882

Total.....	22888
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### Causes of Arrest

Abduction .....	3
Assault .....	39
Begging .....	12
Bootlegging .....	18
Burglary .....	15
Concealed weapons .....	6
Cruelty to animals .....	4
Deserter .....	1
Disorderly conduct .....	138
Disturbing peace .....	337
Dope fiend .....	2
Dressed as opposite sex.....	1
Embezzling .....	2
Exposing person .....	16
False pretenses .....	5
Fighting .....	91
Forgery .....	23
Gambling .....	18
He'd for other officers.....	52
Health ordinance violated .....	6
Horse and cattle stealing.....	2
Insane .....	23
Insulting women .....	3
Intoxication .....	1755
Joy riding .....	2
Larceny, petty .....	84



Larceny, grand .....	82
Murder, or attempted .....	1
Peddling without license .....	32
Poultry ordinance violated .....	1
Prowling .....	4
Rape, or attempted .....	4
Resisting officer .....	4
Riding wheel on walk .....	1
Robbery .....	3
Shooting in city limits .....	1
Sick or injured cared for .....	6
Soliciting on streets .....	18
Speeding .....	186
Sunday closing .....	2
Suspicious persons .....	241
Vagrancy .....	344
Violating road ordinance .....	95
Wife beating .....	7
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Total .....	3690



# POLICE

## Receipts

Balance Sept. 1, 1915.....		\$ 9,285.73
Tax collections .....	\$ 30,113.17	
Court costs .....	4,141.03	
Dog tax .....	1,079.50	
Labor sold .....	11.57	
Watchmen Uni. football games.....	112.00	
Auctioneers' street permits .....	25.00	
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Total receipts .....	\$ 35,482.27	\$ 35,482.27
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Total credits .....		\$ 44,768.00

## Disbursements

Maintenance .....	\$ 2,571.65	
Salary .....	26,817.99	
Coal .....	421.90	
Dog catcher .....	227.00	
Meals .....	1,483.06	
Gasoline .....	372.44	
Car checks .....	266.00	
Auto expense .....	1,066.10	
Motorcycle expense .....	27.19	
Signal system .....	125.25	
Telephones .....	1,912.70	
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Total warrants issued.....	\$ 35,291.28	\$ 35,291.28
Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1915.....		2,555.81
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		\$ 37,847.09
Warrants paid .....		35,178.70
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Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1916.....	\$ 2,668.39	
Total cash charges.....		35,178.70
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Cash balance Sept. 1, 1916.....		\$ 9,589.30
Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1916.....		2,668.39
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Fund balance Sept. 1, 1916.....		\$ 6,920.91



# STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

September 1, 1915 to September 1, 1916

GENERAL FUND	1915 Budget Ap'p'iation	Expenditures Warrants Issued	More than the Ap'p'iation	Less than the Ap'p'iation
Election .....	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 605.50	.....	\$ 1,894.50
Health .....\$ 4,950.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
(Credit sales) ... 1,485.49	6,435.49	7,412.69	977.20	.....
Printing .....	3,000.00	2,952.35	.....	49.65
Emergency .....	760.00	520.96	.....	239.04
Sidewalk .....	4,000.00	645.01	.....	3,354.99
Scales .....	880.00	750.80	.....	129.20
Charity Organi- zation .....	250.00	250.00	.....	.....
SALARY—				
Mayor's office.....	3,400.00	3,149.92	.....	250.08
Treasurer's office.....	5,300.00	4,886.79	.....	413.21
Clerk's office.....	5,720.00	5,619.95	.....	100.05
Attorney's office.....	5,240.00	5,196.60	.....	43.40
Engineer's office.....	14,960.00	14,641.35	.....	318.65
Health office .....	9,480.00	9,455.24	.....	24.76
Tax Commissioner's office.....	1,450.00	1,955.10	505.10	.....
Councilmen .....	8,000.00	7,999.80	.....	.20
Road .....	2,340.00	2,110.00	.....	230.00
Excisemen .....	900.00	900.00	.....	.....
Electric'l inspector .....	300.00	300.00	.....	.....
Lighting .....	60,400.00	66,724.97	6,324.97	.....
Fire .....	53,270.00	56,561.75	3,291.75	.....
Police .....	33,700.00	35,291.28	1,591.28	.....
Road .....	53,590.00	49,249.17	.....	4,340.83
Sewer .....	30,000.00	28,107.63	.....	1,892.37
Paving repair .....	13,000.00	9,828.94	.....	3,171.06
Park .....	27,000.00	22,011.31	.....	4,988.69
City property .....	6,800.00	8,857.24	2,057.24	.....
Engineer's office expense .....	600.00	537.64	.....	62.36
Judgment .....	19,260.00	12,045.77	.....	7,214.23
Interest and cou- pon .....	38,000.00	40,879.01	1,879.01	.....
Library .....	9,730.00	11,930.25	2,200.25	.....
Paving adjacent to city property .....	3,000.00	2,638.56	.....	361.44



TABLE No. 3—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT.—September 1, 1915, to September 1, 1916

ACCOUNTS	Fund Balance Sept. 1, 1915	Tax Col- lections	Other Incomes	Credit Transfers	Total Credits	Over- drafts Sept. 1, 1915	Vouchers Paid	Debit Transfers	Warrants Issued	Total Charges	Fund Balance Sept. 1, 1916
Back tax .....	\$ 24.14	\$ 43.00	\$ 650.00	.....	\$ 67.14	.....	.....	.....	\$ 8,857.24	\$ 8,857.24	\$ 67.14
City property .....	3,842.50	5,066.98	.....	.....	9,559.48	.....	.....	.....	8,857.24	8,857.24	702.24
Parks .....	10,913.07	23,556.67	2,607.73	.....	36,877.47	.....	.....	.....	22,011.31	22,011.31	14,866.16
Fire .....	9,733.85	64,530.31	115.40	.....	64,579.56	.....	.....	.....	56,561.75	56,561.75	1,817.81
General and salary .....	17,592.82	80,484.95	9,734.97	.....	111,670.75	.....	.....	.....	72,121.30	72,121.30	26,631.44
Interest and coupon .....	34,400.42	15,024.64	2,584.00	3,858.01	51,797.73	.....	\$ 40,879.01	\$ 12,858.01	.....	40,879.31	13,918.72
Judgment .....	4,848.62	16,913.30	60.00	2,788.67	21,821.92	.....	.....	.....	12,045.77	12,045.77	9,776.15
Lighting .....	15,514.34	49,268.68	31,308.17	.....	96,091.19	.....	.....	.....	66,724.97	66,724.97	29,366.22
Library .....	2,793.77	11,025.56	75.25	.....	13,894.58	.....	.....	.....	11,930.25	11,930.25	1,964.33
Library book .....	31.13	.....	3,017.67	.....	3,048.80	.....	.....	.....	1,938.16	1,938.16	1,100.64
Paving Repair .....	2,296.21	12,050.43	1,153.03	2,500.00	17,999.67	.....	.....	.....	9,828.94	9,828.94	8,170.73
Paving refund sinking .....	642.33	333.75	.....	.....	876.08	.....	.....	.....	36,291.28	36,291.28	6,920.91
Police .....	6,729.92	30,113.17	5,369.10	.....	42,212.19	.....	.....	.....	49,059.17	49,255.17	7,284.46
Road .....	2,146.86	31,264.22	11,928.55	6,200.00	56,539.63	.....	196.00	.....	28,107.63	28,107.63	8,476.67
Sewer .....	2,484.76	31,369.96	1,229.58	1,500.00	36,584.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	99.57
Storm sewer .....	68.99	30.58	.....	.....	99.57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30,836.75
Sinking .....	25,307.60	10,496.81	120,832.34	15,000.00	171,636.75	.....	140,800.00	.....	.....	140,800.00	868.80
Sidewalk certificates .....	789.27	1,121.04	179,666.05	.....	1,910.31	.....	1,041.51	.....	.....	1,041.51	47,223.21
Water .....	23,894.32	50.90	.....	.....	203,601.27	.....	.....	17,788.67	138,589.39	156,378.06	661.43
Water .....	661.43	.....	.....	.....	661.43	.....	.....	.....	537.64	537.64	94.81
Engineer's office expense .....	12,209.77	534.01	6.88	125.00	44,283.11	33.44	.....	.....	43,000.00	43,000.00	1,283.11
Parks and campus extension .....	1,565.75	1,301.70	.....	1,926.73	4,794.18	.....	.....	.....	2,638.56	2,638.56	2,155.62
Paving adjacent to city property .....	1,189.90	372.52	.....	6.48	1,568.90	.....	27.21	.....	.....	27.21	1,541.69
Sewer district sinking .....	9.92	24.93	.....	.....	34.85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34.85
Lincoln monument .....	.....	.....	52,690.00	.....	52,690.00	.....	.....	.....	33,822.24	33,822.24	18,867.76
Antelope park extension .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals .....	\$179,691.69	\$411,751.45	\$423,018.72	\$33,904.89	\$1,048,366.75	33.44	\$182,943.73	\$30,646.68	\$593,075.60	\$806,639.45	\$241,667.30